

20. (Withdrawn) An antimicrobial and chemical deactivating textile finish coating comprising:

polyurethane;
an antimicrobial blended with said polyurethane.

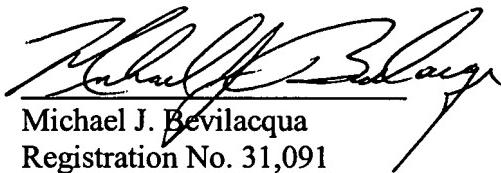
REMARKS

Claims 5, 9 and 13 remain under consideration in this application. Claims 1-2, 4, 7-8, 11-12 and 15-20 stand withdrawn from further consideration as being directed to non-elected subject matter.

Claims 5, 9 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have in past amendments attempted to insert ranges of the materials that are incorporated into the compositions making up the material claims in this application. Applicants have now elected to claim the invention more broadly and specifically limit it to chemical deactivation components and/or biocidal components deposited on a laminating layer with such components including nanosize, silver or silver/copper alloy particles. The laminating layer on which these materials are deposited is free of activated carbon and provides a physical barrier to chemical vapors while allowing moisture to pass through said layer. Applicants submit that the amounts of chemical deactivation components and/or biocidal components deposited on the laminating layer need not be specified in the claims as they can be varied depending upon the desired effectiveness of the material.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that their claims as amended present patentable subject matter.

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